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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, PINS, MZ
SUBJECT: PRO-FRELIMO MEETING IN LOURENCO MARQUES

1. ON AFTERNOON MAY 26 SOME 2,000 AFRICANS ATTENDED RALLY IN VACANT LOT NEAR XIPAMANINE NATIVE MARKET OF LOURENCO MARQUES (SITE OF GUMO RALLY SEVERAL WEEKS AGO), SPONSORED BY MODEMO (MOZAMBIQUE DOMOCRATIC MOVEMENT). THREE UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVES OF MODEMO ADDRESSED SPECTATORS FROM BACK OF TRUCK FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES, CALLING FOR PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT TRIUMVIRATE COMPOSED OF ONE WHITE, ONE BLACK, AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE PORTUGUESE JUNTA. VARIOUS MEMBERS OF CROWD (NOT KNOWN WHETHER THEY MODEMO OR NOT) WAVED BANNERS SALUTING FRELIMO AND SAMORA MACHEL, AND CHEERED WHEN THESE NAMES MENTIONED, EVIDENTLY FAVORABLY, BY SPEAKERS. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS ASIDE FROM THREE YOUTHS INJURED WHEN TREE BRANCH ON WHICH THEY SITTING BROKE.
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WM COMMENT: RALLY WAS HEAVILY ATTENDED BY VISITING JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING BBC TELEVISION TEAM, AND THUS LIKELY GET INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY. MODEMO, WHOSE LEADERS HAVE NOT YET SURFACED, IS POST-REVOLUTION AFRICAN ORGANIZATION WHOSE SOLE PREVIOUS MANIFESTO CONCENTRATED HEAVILY ON ABOLITION OF NATIVE CHIEFDOMS AND OF PROSTITUTION.
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